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SUBJECT: FELIPITO BARREDA

REF: (A) STATE 312980, (B) MANAGUA 4033

SUMMARY: BARREDA IS STILL DETAINED BUT NOT YET INDICTED. HE IS RECEIVING SEPARATE TREATMENT FROM OTHER FSLN SUSPECTS AS HE IS NOT CONSIDERED HARD CORE FSLN ACTIVIST. HIS TRIAL IS LIKELY TO BE SEPARATE AT END OF CURRENT MILITARY COURT PROCEEDINGS. END SUMMARY

1. GEN. GENIE, CHIEF OF GN INTELLIGENCE, GAVE POL OFF DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF CASE AGAINST BARREDA, A NICARAGUAN CITIZEN, WHO IS STILL BEING DETAINED BUT HAS NOT BEEN INDICTED. AS INDICATED REF B, BARREDA IS ACCUSED OF, AND HAS ADMITTED IN HIS STATEMENT TO THE MILITARY COURT, PARTICIPATING IN FSLN ACTIVITIES AS A COURIER.

2. ASSESSMENT THAT BARREDA OFFENSE WAS NOT CONSIDERED SERIOUS AND HE WAS LIKELY TO BE RELEASED SOON (REF B) WAS APPARENTLY PERSONAL ONE OF GEN. PEREZ VEGA AND WAS NOT SHARED BY GN SECURITY SERVICE.

3. GENIE EXPLAINED BARREDA HAS NOT BEEN INDICTED AND MOVED TO MANAGUA TO BE WITH OTHER FSLN PRISONERS IN THEIR MILITARY TRIAL BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE HE WAS NEW RECRUIT AND NOT IDEOLOGICALLY

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AN FSLN SUPPORTER BUT RATHER WAS ACTING OUT OF SENSE OF DEFIANCE TOWARD GOVERNMENT. FOR THIS REASON, THEY DO NOT WANT TO HAVE HIM IN CONTACT WITH FSLN IDEOLOGUES WHO MIGHT RADICALIZE HIM. THIS REASONING MAY HAVE BEEN WHAT LED PEREZ TO BELIEVE GN VIEWED BARREDA OFFENSE AS LESS SERIOUS THAN THOSE OF FSLN INDICTEES.

4. POL OFF ASKED GENIE HOW MANY OTHERS WERE IN SAME STATUS AS

BARREDA. HE REPLIED ONLY FOUR OR FIVE INCLUDING TWO OTHERS WHO WERE TAKEN PRISONER WITH BARREDA AND WITH WHOM BARREDA HAD OPERATED. HE SAID THESE FOUR OR FIVE WOULD BE TREATED SEPARATELY FROM CURRENT INDICTEES. ALTHOUGH VAGUE ON DETAIL, GENIE APPARENTLY THINKS SEPARATE TRIALS WILL BE HELD FOR THESE DETAINEES FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF CASES AGAINST CURRENT INDICTEES BUT BEFORE SENTENCES ARE HANDED DOWN ON LATTER CASES SINCE AT THAT TIME STATE OF MARTIAL LAW IS SUPPOSED TO TERMINATE.

5. EMB IS UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER GON PERCEPTION THAT BARREDA IS NOT HARD CORE FSLN SUPPORTER IS LIKELY TO BE TRANSLATED INTO LIGHTER SENTENCE, ALTHOUGH THIS SEEMS POSSIBLE. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ON THIS CASE AS THEY OCCUR IN LIGHT OF SEN. CRANSTON'S INTEREST.  
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